

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of displaying a web page by a browser at a client device, comprising:

detecting, by the browser at the client device, an object associated with the web page,
wherein the object is an activatable object;

according, by the browser at the client device, as part of displaying the web page, a trust level one or more of a plurality of trust level security settings of the browser to the object, wherein the according comprises evaluating a content, source, or action of the object; and

suppressing the object when the trust level accorded to the object does not reach a threshold trust level based on variable combinations of the content, source, and action of the object, based on the one or more of the plurality of trust level security settings of the browser that are accorded to the object.

2. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the object is one of a COM object or an ActiveX control.

3. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the object is embedded in the web page, and includes any one of downloadable code, a link to a URL, a popup window, graphic data, a video file, an audio file, and a text file.

4. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the object is a link to an object on a remote server, wherein further the object on the remote server includes any one of downloadable code, a URL, a popup window, graphic data, a video file, an audio file, and a text file.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein according the one or more of the plurality of trust level security settings of the browser to the object includes evaluating criteria comprising whether the object is from a trusted source, whether the object upgrades an existing object, and whether a download flag is set, and

wherein further suppressing the object includes displaying a prompt to indicate the suppression of the object based upon a positive evaluation of any of the criteria.

6. (Original) A method according to Claim 5, wherein the prompt is a modal prompt to provide a user with an activation choice.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 5, wherein the prompt is a modeless prompt to advise a user of the object being suppressed and wherein the modeless prompt provides a description of the object being suppressed.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 5, wherein the prompt is a modeless prompt to advise a user of the object being suppressed and to provide the user with a subsequent activation choice.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein according the one or more of the plurality of trust level security settings of the browser to the object evaluates criteria including whether the object is to be rendered and whether a download flag is set, and

wherein further suppressing the object includes displaying a prompt to indicate the suppression of the object based upon a positive evaluation of any of the criteria.

10. (Original) A method according to Claim 9, wherein the prompt is a modal prompt to provide a user with an activation choice.

11. (Original) A method according to Claim 9, wherein the prompt is a modeless prompt to advise a user of the object being suppressed.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 9, wherein the prompt is a modeless prompt to advise a user of the object being suppressed and to provide the user with a subsequent activation choice.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1,
wherein according the one or more of the plurality of trust level security settings of the browser to the object determines whether the object is a popup window, and
wherein further suppressing the object includes displaying a prompt to indicate the suppression of the object based upon a positive determination.

14. (Original) A method according to Claim 13, wherein the prompt is a modeless prompt to advise a user of the object being suppressed.

15. (Original) A method according to Claim 13, wherein the prompt is a modeless prompt to advise a user of the object being suppressed and to provide the user with an activation choice.

16. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1,
wherein according the one or more of the plurality of trust level security settings of the browser to the object evaluates criteria including whether the object is beneath a security setting and whether a security setting flag is set, and
wherein further suppressing the object includes displaying a prompt to indicate the suppression of the object based upon a positive evaluation of any of the criteria.

17. (Original) A method according to Claim 16, wherein the prompt is a modal prompt to provide a user with an activation choice.

18. (Original) A method according to Claim 16, wherein the prompt is a modeless prompt to advise a user of the object being suppressed.

19. (Original) A method according to Claim 16, wherein the prompt is a modeless prompt to advise a user of the object being suppressed and to provide the user with an activation choice.

20. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein suppressing the object includes displaying a user interface to describe the content of the suppressed object and to provide a user with an opportunity to activate the content of the suppressed object.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having one or more instructions that, when read, cause one or more processors on a client device to execute steps comprising:

determining, by a browser at the client device, a trust level security setting for an object associated with a web page to be displayed by the browser at the client device, wherein the object is an activatable object, and wherein the trust level security setting for the object is determined as part of displaying the web page by evaluating criteria based on at least one of a content, a source and an action of the object;

suppressing an action associated with the object when the trust level security setting for the object does not reach a threshold trust level security setting based on variable combinations of the content, source, and action of the object based on the trust level security setting; and

providing an activation opportunity for the action, wherein the activation opportunity comprises a user interface that displays a modeless prompt which provides a description of the object being suppressed.

22. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium according to Claim 21, wherein the object is one of a COM object or an ActiveX control.

23. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium according to Claim 21, wherein the object is embedded in the web page, and includes any one of a downloadable

file, a link to another file, a popup window, graphic data, a video file, an audio file, and a text file.

24. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium according to Claim 21, wherein the object is a link to an object on a remote server, wherein further the object on the remote server includes any one of a downloadable file, another web page, a popup window, graphic data, a video file, an audio file, and a text file.

25. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium according to Claim 21, wherein further the one or more instructions to provide the activation opportunity for the action causes the one or more processors to display a user interface indicating the suppression of the action due to a positive evaluation of any of the criteria and offering an activation option.

26. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium according to Claim 25, wherein the user interface is a modal prompt.

27. (Canceled).

28. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium according to Claim 21,

wherein the one or more instructions to determine the trust level security setting for the object causes the one or more processors to evaluate criteria including whether the object is to be rendered and whether a download flag is set, and

wherein further the one or more instructions to provide an activation opportunity for the action causes the one or more processors to display a user interface indicating the suppression of the action due to a positive evaluation of any of the criteria and offering an activation option.

29. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium according to Claim 28, wherein the user interface is a modal prompt.

30. (Canceled).

31. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium according to Claim 21,

wherein the one or more instructions to determine the trust level security setting for the object causes the one or more processors to determine whether the object is a popup window, and

wherein further the one or more instructions to provide an activation opportunity for the action causes the one or more processors to display a user interface indicating the suppression of the action due to a positive determination and offering an activation option.

32. (Canceled).

33. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium according to Claim 21, wherein the one or more instructions to determine the trust level security setting for the object causes the one or more processors to evaluate criteria including whether the object is beneath a security setting and whether a security setting flag is set, and

wherein further the one or more instructions to provide an activation opportunity for the action causes the one or more processors to display a user interface indicating the suppression of the action due to a positive evaluation of either of the criteria and offering an activation option.

34.-35. (Canceled).

36. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a detector to detect an object associated with a web page as a part of displaying the web page by a browser at a client device, wherein the object is an activatable object;

an analyzer on the browser at the client device configured to perform a trust analysis for the object, wherein the analyzer performs the trust analysis for the object as part of displaying the web page using evaluation criteria a trust level accorded to the object based on at least one an evaluation of at least one of: a source, a content, and an action of the object;

a blocker to block an action associated with the object when the trust level accorded to the object does not reach a threshold trust level based on variable combinations of the content, source, and action of the object; and

an interface to provide an activation opportunity.

37. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein the object is one of a COM object or an ActiveX control.

38. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein the object is embedded in the web page, and includes any one of downloadable code, a link to a URL, a popup window, graphic data, a video file, an audio file, and a text file.

39. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein the object is a link to an object on a remote server, wherein further the object on the remote server includes any one of downloadable code, a URL, a popup window, graphic data, a video file, an audio file, and a text file.

40. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein further the blocker is to display a prompt indicating that the action has been blocked based upon a positive evaluation of any of the criteria.

41. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 40, wherein the prompt is a modal user interface to provide a user with the activation opportunity.

42. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 40, wherein the prompt is a modeless user interface to advise a user of the action being blocked and provide a description of the object.

43. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 40, wherein the prompt is a modeless user interface to advise a user of the action being blocked and to provide the user with a subsequent activation choice.

44. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 36,
wherein the analyzer is to evaluate criteria including whether the object is to be rendered and whether a download flag is set, and
wherein further the blocker is to display a prompt indicating that the action has been blocked based upon a positive evaluation of any of the criteria.

45. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 44, wherein the prompt is a modal user interface to provide a user with the activation opportunity.

46. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 44, wherein the prompt is a modeless user interface to advise a user of the action being blocked.

47. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 44, wherein the prompt is a modeless user interface to advise a user of the action being blocked and to provide the user with the activation opportunity.

48. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 36,
wherein the analyzer is to determine whether the object is a popup window, and
wherein further the blocker is to display a prompt indicating that the action has been blocked based upon a positive determination.

49. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 48, wherein the prompt is a modeless user interface to advise a user of the action being blocked.

50. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 48, wherein the prompt is a modeless user interface to advise a user of the action being blocked and to provide the user with the activation opportunity.

51. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 36,
wherein the analyzer is to evaluate criteria including whether the object is beneath a security setting and whether a security setting flag is set, and
wherein further the blocker is to display a prompt indicating that the action has been blocked based upon a positive evaluation of any of the criteria.

52. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 51, wherein the prompt is a modal user interface to provide a user with the activation opportunity.

53. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 51, wherein the prompt is a modeless user interface to advise a user of the action being blocked.

54. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 51, wherein the prompt is a modeless user interface to advise a user of the action being blocked and to provide the user with the activation opportunity.

55. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein the blocker is to display a user interface to describe the content of the suppressed action and to provide a user with an opportunity to activate the action of the object.

56. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for displaying a web page by a browser at a client device, comprising:

means for detecting an object associated with the web page by the browser at the client device, wherein the object is an activatable object;

means for performing a trust analysis, by the browser at the client device, for the object as a part of displaying the web page, wherein the means for performing the trust analysis for the

object evaluates a trust level accorded to the object ~~criteria~~, as a part of displaying the web page, the trust level based on at least one of a content, a source, and an action of the object;

means for blocking an action associated with the object when the trust level accorded to the object does not reach a threshold trust level based on variable combinations of the content source, and action of the object; and

means for providing an activation opportunity.

57. (Cancelled).

58. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 56, wherein the object is a computer-readable media object.

59. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 56, wherein the object is one of a COM object or an ActiveX control.

60. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 56, wherein the object is embedded in the web page, and includes any one of downloadable code, a link to a URL, a popup window, graphic data, a video file, an audio file, and a text file.

61. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 56, wherein the object is a link to an object on a remote server, wherein further the object on the remote server includes any one of downloadable code, a URL, a popup window, graphic data, a video file, an audio file, and a text file.

62. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 56, wherein further the means for blocking is to display a prompt indicating that the action has been blocked based upon a positive evaluation of any of the criteria.

63. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 56,

wherein the means for performing the trust analysis evaluates criteria including whether the object is to be rendered and whether a download flag is set, and

wherein further the means for blocking displays a prompt indicating that the action has been blocked based upon a positive evaluation of any of the criteria.

64. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 56,
wherein the means for performing the trust analysis determines whether the object is a popup window, and

wherein further the means for blocking displays a prompt indicating that the action has been blocked based upon a positive determination.

65. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 56,
wherein the means for performing the trust analysis evaluates criteria including whether the object is beneath a security setting and whether a security setting flag is set, and
wherein further the means for blocking displays ~~is to display~~ a prompt indicating that the action has been blocked based upon a positive evaluation of any of the criteria.

66. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 56, wherein the means for blocking displays a user interface to describe the content of the blocked action and to provide a user with an opportunity to activate the action of the object.